



Mr. George Porter, Master.

At a Court of Assistants of the Company of *DISTILLERS*:

Held the Thirteenth Day of *April*, 1708.

It is Order'd by this Court, That the Abstract of this Company's By-Laws and Ordinances now Read, and hereunder Mention'd, be forthwith Printed, which are as followeth, viz.

IT is Ordain'd, That if any Member shall refuse to take upon him the Place of an Assistant, he shall Forfeit and Pay 20*l*.
ALSO it is Ordain'd, That if any Assistant shall refuse, or neglect to appear at Court, or depart from any Court, or Meeting, without License of the Master, he shall Forfeit and Pay 2*s*. 6*d*.
ALSO it is Ordain'd, That the Master and Wardens, or any two of them, whereof the Master, or his Deputy, to be always one, shall, and may meet and Debate all Matters for the good of the Company, and every Member that shall refuse to appear at such Meeting, shall Forfeit and Pay 2*s*. 6*d*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That every Person that shall refuse to take upon him the Livery, or Clothing of the said Company, shall Forfeit and Pay 26*l*. 13*s*. and 4*d*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That every Livery-Man that shall not appear in his Gown and Hood when Summoned so to do, shall Forfeit and Pay 10*s*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That if any Member shall refuse to hold the Place of Steward, shall Forfeit and Pay 25*l*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That if any Person shall refuse to attend as Gentleman-Usher, he shall Forfeit and Pay 40*s*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That the Master, Wardens, Assistants, Livery-Men, and Stewards shall Pay 12*d*. every Quarter; and all other Members 8*d*. every Quarter towards the Company's Charges; and if any Person shall refuse, or delay to Pay the same Quarterly, he shall Forfeit and Pay 3*s*. 4*d*. for every Default.

ALSO, That the Master and Wardens may have three Apprentices; the Assistants and Livery-Men two Apprentices; and every other Member one Apprentice, and no more, upon pain to Forfeit and Pay 10*l*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That no Person shall Teach the Art to any Person, except his Apprentice, his Wife, or Child, or Work with any Foreigner, upon pain to pay 50*l*. and 40*s*. a Month.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That it shall not be Lawful for any Person to use the Art of a *Distiller* within *London*, or Twenty One Miles thereof, not Free of this Corporation.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That it shall be Lawful for the Widow of a Free *Distiller* to use the said Art so long as she continues Unmarry'd, being first admitted, and paying Quarteridge as her Husband paid.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That no Person shall imploy in the said Trade any Porter, Labourer, or Journeyman, not Free of this Company, upon pain to Forfeit and Pay 40*s*. a Month.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That no Member of the said Company shall permit, or suffer any Person, not Free of this Company, to use the said Art in his, or her Name; nor permit any such Person to be Co-Partner, upon pain to Forfeit and pay 50*l*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That no Member shall Arrest another Member for any Matter relating to the said Trade, without first acquainting the Master and Wardens with the same, to the end such Differences may be compromised.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, or any two of them shall, and may enter into the House of any *Distiller*, or *Retailer* of Strong-Waters, &c. and Taste, and Try all Strong-Waters, &c. and all Materials, and try all the Pots and Measures, and if any Person shall refuse such Search, he shall Forfeit and pay 5*l*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That every Person that shall Make or Sell Strong-Waters, &c. shall, in Consideration of the Charges such Searchers must be at, pay unto them, upon every Search, for the use of the Company, 4*d*. and if refuse to pay it, shall Forfeit and Pay 3*s*. 4*d*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That if the Master, Wardens, or Assistants, or any of the Livery-Men shall be Guilty of any Scandalous Crimes, such Persons shall, and may be removed, and upon Reformation shall, and may be restored.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That every Person that shall have served Seven Years, and shall refuse to appear at any Court, and to be made Free, shall Forfeit 2*s*. and 6*d*. for every Default.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That it shall not be Lawful for a Vinegar-Maker, or who shall have served Seven Years thereunto, to use the Art of a *Distiller*.

ALSO it is Ordain'd, That every Member of the said Company shall be of Good Behaviour, and of Honest and Civil Conversation towards the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, and shall not use any undecent Speeches, or Revile, Abuse, or Defame them, or any of them, upon pain to Forfeit and pay 5*l*.

Which By-Laws were long since Ratified and Confirmed by the Judges under their Hands and Seals, and have since been adjudged good upon several Trials and Arguments. It is therefore further Ordered, That Copies of the said Ordinances be delivered by the Beadle of this Company to all the Members thereof, to the end they may be acquainted therewith, and avoid the Penalties by conforming themselves thereunto.

J. Greene, Clerk.